

**CARTER CARBURETOR SITE  
(a.k.a. ACF Industries)**

**April 2, 1992**

**File Summary**

Site:	Carter Carburetor
ID #:	MD00082601
Break:	17.7
Other:	4-2-92

- August 18, 1980 - The Carter Carburetor Division filed a Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity with EPA Region VII describing the following wastes as being generated at the facility located at 2840 North Spring Ave:
- F001 - Spent halogenated solvents used in degreasing
  - F002 - Spent halogenated solvents
  - F011 - Spent cyanide solutions from salt bath pot cleaning from metal heat treating operations.
- December 29, 1984 - letter from ACF Industries, Incorporated, Senior Vice President, to Land Reutilization Authority (LRA), describing 20 transformers and 19 underground storage tanks on property at 2840 North Spring Ave. Letter states that each of the transformers and capacitors are properly marked. Letter states that ten underground storage tanks have been backfilled with the remaining tanks in the process of being decommissioned.
- April 22, 1985 - letter from Richard Coburn, Executive Director, Land Reutilization Authority (LRA), accepting an offer from Hubert Thompson to purchase the property described as 2623-35 & 2800 Grand.
- April 25, 1985 - Letter from ACF Industries, Inc. to LRA notifying that all underground storage tanks were decommissioned as of January 1985.
- April 26, 1985 - Letter from LRA to Hubert Thompson. Letter states that LRA is accepting title from ACF and is transferring said title to Mr. Thompson for property at 2840 N. Spring Ave.
- April 26, 1985 - Letter from LRA to Hubert Thompson describing 20 transformers and 19 decommissioned underground storage tanks.
- April 26, 1985 - Hubert Thompson enters into a partnership



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with Elmer Dillard for 50% ownership of the Carter Carburetor Property. Hubert and Sharon Thompson acquire property from LRA by borrowing \$150,000 from W.A. Beck of Freeburg, Missouri.

- October 23, 1985 - W.A. Beck releases the Thompson's from \$150,000 purchase money mortgage.
- January 9, 1986 - A portion of the Carter Carburetor building was sold to Edward and Josephine Pivirotto for the sum of \$150,000.
- February 4, 1986 - Anonymous caller reports to EPA that "Dillard and Thomas" are scrapping out transformers at the Old Carter Carburetor Building. Report indicates that building was donated to St. Louis Public School System who gave it to the Regional Growth Association.
- September 4, 1986 - Consent Order between Elmer R. Dillard (plaintiff) and Hubert R. and Sharon O. Thompson and ABC Trucking, Inc. (defendants). All parties agree to sale of Carter Carburetor Property.
- March 7, 1986 - Letter from Hubert Thompson to Dr. William Hope, St. Louis City Health Commissioner. Mr. Thompson provided answers to items of concern dated February 26, 1986. The questions were not in the file, but one of the answers indicates that something was sent to the Missouri Electric Works (MEW) Site in Cape Girardeau, Missouri (transformer(s)?). The MEW RPM has been notified. The City Health Department file will need to be obtained.
- June 9, 1987 - Environmental Operations Inc. (EOI), consultant to Hubert Thompson, conducts site inspection and reveals three transformer stations totalling sixteen transformers, and sixteen oil filled circuit breakers. EOI suggested that some pipes in the building may have asbestos.
- August 11, 1987 - EPA conducts TSCA inspection. The inspector observed that many skylights within the building had been busted out allowing for the buildup of water on the lower floors.
- October 19, 1987 - EPA issues a complaint and notice of hearing to Hubert R. Thompson pursuant to TSCA. The complaint lists violations of TSCA that applied to ten transformers at 2810 N. Spring

in St. Louis, Missouri.

- August 16, 1987 - Letter from Hubert Thompson to EPA. The letter states that E. Pivarotto owned a portion of the property that contained two substations and one loose PCB transformer. The letter also states that Mr. Thompson is considering having one or more of the transformers cleaned and recertified for future use.
- December 31, 1987 - Letter from EOI to James C. Owen, Attorney for Hubert Thompson stating that the transformer room shows no signs of past water intrusion and no routes for potential surface or groundwater contamination.
- March 31, 1988 - Mr. Hubert R. Thompson submits first quarter PCB report to EPA. The report indicates Mr. Thompson has obtained counsel from James C. Owen and advice from Environmental Operations, Inc. (EOI).
- April 13, 1988 - Letter from James C. Owen to EPA. Mr. Thompson acquires a \$45,817 loan from Boatmen's Bank of St. Louis and awards a contract to U.S. Pollution Control Inc. (USPCI) to clean up and remove the transformers.
- June 28, 1988 - Consent order between Hubert R. Thompson and EPA. Mr. Thompson agrees to dispose of transformers located at 2810 N. Spring, St. Louis, Missouri.
- July 30, 1988 - Hubert Thompson submits annual report for 1988 to EPA identifying the locations of 16 transformers. Ten transformers are considered PCB transformers and will be disposed of.
- February 24, 1989 - MDNR conducts an inspection of the Hubert Thompson Site. The inspection reveals 10 PCB transformers, oil from the transformers, 16 switches and three drums of PCB contaminated concrete were shipped off-site for disposal. A soil sample was collected from the soil where the concrete floor had been removed. The results of analysis of this sample detected 1200 parts per million PCBs.
- March 15, 1990 - EPA conducts a TSCA inspection of the Hubert Thompson site to determine if further cleaning of the building would be required.

The inspector collected five samples (3 soil and 2 wipes) to determine if further cleanup was necessary. Analysis of the soil samples detected PCBs at concentrations of less than 10 ppm. The two wipe samples detected concentrations of PCBs at 820 and 5600 ug/100 cm<sup>2</sup>. The inspector also observed one drained transformer and two drums of PCB debris. The inspector noted that the site is prone to rainwater from busted windows and skylights.

- October 15, 1990 - Letter from Environmental Science & Engineering (ESE) to Mr. James F. McMullin, Attorney at Law. The letter summarizes the results of a PCB contamination study conducted by ESE. The letter indicates that additional work is necessary to characterize the site and that the environment in the transformer room is unsafe and contains high levels of toxic particulate matter. The report recommends that the transformer room be sealed and entry should only be allowed to individuals with a minimum of class C protection.
- December 20, 1990 - Letter from James F. McMullin to James C. Owen outlining a settlement agreement between Carter Building Inc. and Hugh and Sharon Thompson.
- January 24, 1991 - Letter from EPA to Hubert Thompson requesting a description of further cleanup activities at the site.
- February 15, 1991 - Letter from James C. Owen to EPA indicating that Hubert Thompson does not have the assets to continue cleanup at the site. The letter also states that Mr. Thompson has defaulted on the loan from Boatmen's Bank and Boatmen's Bank has stated that they would foreclose on the loan on March 7, 1991.
- October 30, 1991 - Memorandum from Leo Alderman, Chief TOPE/ARTX, to Robert Morby, Chief SPFD/WSTM, requesting consideration of this site for remediation under CERCLA.
- March 26, 1992 - FAX from James C. Owen to Jeff Weatherford, EPA, stating that Mr. Thompson is living in Imperial, Missouri, is in the midst of a divorce and has no money. The FAX also indicates that Mr. Thompson's portion of the Carter Carburetor building is now owned by

**Carter Building Inc.**